

troller, the Borough President and a member of the Board of Aldermen members ex officio. This follows out the organization of the old Irvins Charter Revision Commission.

The legislative investigators will be eleven in number, six Assemblymen and six Senators, to be appointed by the heads of the two houses. It is said that former Senator Elton R. Brown, who until three years ago was the president pro tem. of the Senate, will be selected as counsel if he will accept.

It is expected that the resolution will be adopted by both houses within the next forty-eight hours.

### Citizens Union to Give Evidence on Hylan Rule

#### Secretary Arndt Says New York Government Is Lowest in 20 Years; Singles Out Brooklyn

Walter A. Arndt, secretary of the Citizens Union, said before leaving for Albany yesterday afternoon that his organization was ready on short notice to present evidence of maladministration against the Hylan regime.

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Clellan accommodated them. Later they were removed from office by Governor Hughes.

"No single act of maladministration or graft looked very bad when standing alone, but when they were massed they constituted an overwhelming indictment. Mayor Hylan and his supporters have been declaring that they had no fear of an investigation, and that if one were held they would be vindicated. I have not noticed any Tammany clamoring for a probe of the Hylan regime.

"The Hylan administration has been characterized by stupidity, incompetence and brazen exploitation of the opportunities of public office holding. If only a part of what the Mayor and Comptroller have charged against each other be true, both should be removed from office. In nearly every department of the city government the personnel has been demoralized. In many departments graft has proceeded without check. From almost the first day of his incumbency the Police Commissioner has paralyzed the efficiency and destroyed the morale of a fine body of men. The leasing of docks is a scandal. When the record of the Hylan administration is fully spread before the public there will be none to give it a clean bill."

### Advancement of Bonus Bill Opposed by McCue

#### New York Senator Objects, Because Measure Appropriates Only \$10,000,000

ALBANY, April 11.—Strenuous objection to the advancement of the soldier bonus bill was made to-night by Senator Martin G. McCue, Democrat, of New York. When the measure was reported out of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator McCue based his objection on the fact that the measure appropriates only \$10,000,000 for distribution this year among World War veterans, while the full amount of \$45,000,000 is voted upon by the people at the referendum last fall.

It was explained by Senator Charles Hewitt, chairman of the Finance Committee, that the reason the full amount had not been appropriated was because the State Comptroller had informed the legislature that he did not believe that more than \$7,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 could be disposed of this year.

Senator McCue insisted that the legislature did not have the right to make any changes in the amount to be appropriated for the state soldier bonus.

"The money belongs to the World War veterans," he said. "It is theirs by right and not by charity. It is ours duty to give the soldiers what the people voted, and they should have it at once or not at all."

Finally it was agreed that the bill should be advanced and that the majority leaders would entertain amendments to be submitted by Senator McCue when the measure comes up for final passage.

### Senate Votes to Merge 180 Bureaus Into 21

#### Another Resolution Adopted to Increase Legislators' Pay From \$1,500 to \$3,000

ALBANY, April 12.—The Senate today adopted two concurrent resolutions proposing amendments to the state constitution. One is designed to consolidate more than 180 state departments, bureaus, boards and commissions into 21 major departments. The other proposes to increase the salaries of members of the Legislature from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per year.

Both measures passed the 1920 legislature and, if adopted by the Assembly this year, will be submitted to the voters for ratification in November.

### Three Train Robbers Seized

#### Detectives Believed to Have Wounded One of Five Escaping

CLEVELAND, April 11.—An attempted hold-up of Train No. 25, leaving Cleveland at 8 o'clock to-night for Indianapolis on the Big Four Railroad, was frustrated by Zach Hathaway and S. J. Waterman, of Cincinnati, American Railway Express Company detectives, as the train neared London, Ohio, at 10:30 o'clock.

Eight men were said to have got on a blind baggage car at Cleveland. Near London one of them forced his way into the express car and grabbed an express package which he passed to a companion. The detectives, who had been watching two weeks for such an emergency, opened fire on the men. Three were captured and taken from the train at Shelby. One of the five who escaped is believed to have been shot.

## Police Attack Hylan-Enright Bill at Albany

### Representatives of the Uniformed Ranks Protest Against Proposal to Create a Detective Division

#### Wage Boost for Aids Measure, It Is Said, Protects Favorites in Jobs as Long as They Want Them

ALBANY, April 11.—Representatives of the uniformed ranks of the Police and Fire departments of New York City arrived here to-night to protest against the Enright-Hylan bill creating a detective division in the Police Department, of which, according to police-men, Irving O'Hara, Mayor Hylan's brother-in-law, will be the head.

The measure, which is characterized by members of the uniformed force as the most vicious police bill introduced in years, would, if it became law, put the Enright-Hylan brand on the detective force of New York City for the next fifteen or twenty years.

Salaries of the Hylan-Enright favorites in the department will be jumped and more by the passage of the bill, and, in addition, their rank will be raised, and they will be protected in their positions during their own pleasure unless they are dismissed from the force for cause.

The bill gives Commissioner Enright the power to appoint as many men as he pleases to the proposed detective division. J. Henry Walters, former majority leader of the Senate, has been here lobbying for the bill.

### Joker in the Bill

"All acting detective sergeants of the first and second grades, who are assigned to the detective bureau of the Police Department on the fifteenth day of March, 1921, shall become detectives of the detective division of the Police Department and shall not thereafter be transferred to the uniformed force."

This insures the Hylan-Enright favorites permanency of rank, regardless of a change in administration, unless they are found guilty of charges warranting removal.

"A Police Commissioner from time to time may select as many members of the uniformed force as he deems necessary and assign them to the detective division to make such division effective."

### Detectives Lobby for Bill

Republican legislators from New York City declare that this joker would afford Mayor Hylan an opportunity for making the Police Department a political annex of Tammany Hall. For the last ten days six of the Hylan-Enright favorites, all first grade detectives, have been here lobbying for the bill.

The Sergeants' Association has already formally opposed the bill and has delegated Sergeant Joyce to come here to-morrow and oppose it. The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, which has its representatives now working against the bill, will meet to-morrow in Maenechor Hall to act on resolutions opposing the bill.

The Lieutenants' Association, of which Police Commissioner Enright was president, at a snap meeting, held at a time when the detail men, the Hylan-Enright favorites, could attend, endorsed the bill. Since then a referendum vote of the desk lieutenants went on record against this Hylan-Enright bill by a vote of 25 to 1.

### City Refuses \$20,000 Asked To Pay Four Whitman Aids

A request for a second \$20,000 to pay the salaries of the four assistants to former Governor Charles M. Whitman, who is conducting an investigation of the police and other city departments, made yesterday by District Attorney Edward Swann to the Committee on Finance and Budget of the Board of Estimate, was refused and referred back to the District Attorney.

The matter was referred back on motion of F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, who requested that the District Attorney inform the board whether he cannot get this money from his own appropriations for salaries, or by laying off members of his staff to pay these special assistants who, according to his own request, are doing the work which his own staff is unable and incompetent to do."

## Miller to Confer Here On the Traction Board

Governor Miller had a brief conference at the St. Regis last night with George McAneny, former president of the Borough of Manhattan, before going to the Viviani dinner.

Speaking of the new transit and public service commissions, the Governor said there was "something doing," but that he could not discuss such matters for the present.

"For that matter," said the Governor, "I do not think there will be any information to give out for a few days, though I expect to confer here at the hotel on the subjects mentioned to-morrow."

When the Governor's attention was called to a published story relating to a decision of the United States Supreme Court in a Texas rate case in which it was held that a city could not enforce a 5-cent fare though the franchise called for it, on the ground that it was confiscatory, he said he had not read the decision, but added: "I have never had any doubt about the law."

"Do you regard this as indicating what might happen in New York?" "We have not been holding all this work with the thought that we would be upset," retorted the Governor, "but, of course, you never know what a decision may be until it is announced."

## Yearly Industrial Prison Waste Put At \$200,000,000

### National Committee Told at Annual Meeting Here Convicts Should Be Trained in Labor During Terms

The industrial energy now being wasted in the penal institutions of this country represents more than \$200,000,000 a year in hard cash, according to a statement made by E. Stagg Whitman at the annual meeting of the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor, held yesterday at Columbia University.

If every prisoner were systematically trained while he served his term, his earning capacity would be increased by \$1,000 a year, the speaker added. These arguments were put forward in an endeavor to prove that "state use" should prevail throughout the United States and that all the waste forces of prison life should be turned to account.

"We should have proper shops in all our prisons and the most modern machinery and equipment," said Hugh Frayne, New York representative of the American Federation of Labor. "All the handwork of the prisoners should be sold to state institutions."

He said that the necessary equipment, want to be accused of being a fascist, but since there is no law that will prevent crime I believe in making the criminal an asset instead of an expense."

## Amendments Offered to Save New Rent Laws

ALBANY, April 11.—Senator Charles W. Walton, of Ulster County, and Assemblyman William Duke of Albany, to-night introduced amendments to the new civil practice act which goes into effect on Friday so as to continue the anti-trust profiteering laws introduced by the Lockwood committee.

The amendments were necessary because the rent laws are amendments to the present civil practice act, which will cease when the new civil practice act becomes effective.

The Assembly, through the aid of legal members of the body who were accused of being unwilling to brush up on the new and simplified civil practice act, to-night passed the Jenks bill repealing the act.

The Senate, it is said, will not act on the repeal, as it would mean the nullification of the work of the leading jurists of the state, who labored for five years to simplify the civil practice code before having the bill introduced last year and which was passed and signed and is known as the new or simplified civil practice act.

## Harris Freed After Warning From Justice

### Repeats Under Oath Retraction of Confession That He Was Involved in the Elwell Murder

#### Promises to Get Job Whitman, After Questioning Him, Says That He Is "Just a Plain Liar"

From a Staff Correspondent  
BUFFALO, April 11.—Roy Harris, who has admitted the falsity of his "confession" that he was implicated in the murder of Joseph Elwell, the New York turfman, was released from custody here to-day.

He was not turned loose, however, until he had been taken before Supreme Court Justice Dudley and repeated under oath the retraction of his fraudulent story.

Harris said after his release that he would immediately find a job and make an effort to take care of his wife and child properly. He smiled as he left the courtroom, remarking to correspondents: "I would have gone through with that story to the finish, though, if that bird, Oswald, and the New York newspaper men hadn't known so much about the case and tripped me up. I had thrown up the sponge when they trapped me on the stuff about the interior of the house and when Oswald checked me up on my wife's birthday gift. There was no use trying to get away from the truth after that."

After his release Harris joined his wife in Sheriff Waldow's office, where they took luncheon. He had only \$8 in his possession. In his excitement to get out of jail he left his overcoat in the Sheriff's office, returning for it some time later.

Warned to Go to Work  
After Harris had formally repudiated his hoax, Justice Dudley said: "The best thing you can do, Harris, is to go to work and obey the law. You have committed a serious offense, but there appears to be nothing in the law under which you can be punished."

Former Governor Whitman, who with Captain Arthur Carey, of New York Police Headquarters, obtained the formal retraction, left for New York with Detective Oswald this afternoon. Just before train time, Governor Whitman said: "The man is just a plain liar. I'm not satisfied he is normal mentally. At least he is of a low order of mentality, although undoubtedly he is able to realize the quality and character of his acts and knows he was wrong. He was criminally inclined from early boyhood and rather enjoys posing as a desperate criminal. I am satisfied he knows nothing about the case."

The Governor said that in a short talk with Harris this morning he had not a fairly good description of the two men formally employed with Harris as elevator operators at 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, who had tried to induce him to join them in holding up a subway paymaster one night last May or June.

The Elwell case, the most baffling murder mystery of a century, thus remains still unsolved.

Discouraged and Desperate  
In the formal retraction of his wild "confession," Harris says: "I was discouraged, desperate and without hope of improving my condition; was utterly penniless, and felt that in charging myself with the crime, which attracted universal attention, the future conduct of affairs would be in control of the authorities, and I did not care what would become of me. I realize that my conduct is inexplicable, but I solemnly declare that I knew what I was doing and had full knowledge of the possible consequences of my action. I never saw Joseph Elwell; I was never in the house in which he was killed in the City of New York; I never saw the house, and, except as I have

read in the newspapers, I don't know where it is located. I do not know any man or woman by the name of Fairchild, and never have. I do not know any woman conforming to the description which I gave of Mrs. Fairchild, and I have never seen any such person. I do not know any such person as the person I described in my said statements as William Duncan, and as a participant in the crime. I do not know and never have known any chauffeur by the name of Jerry, and I never received any money from these persons, or from any person, as an inducement to commit the alleged crime, or any other crime, at any time.

"Every statement which I have made orally or in writing relative to the murder of Joseph Elwell is absolutely and utterly false. I have no personal knowledge of any of the facts in connection with the said murder, and my entire information on the subject is derived from the newspaper reports which I have read."

## Warm Spell to End Stampede to Woolens

The tragedy of having to change back to "heavies" has been averted for those New Yorkers who had fortitude to face frigid temperatures during the last twenty-four hours, according to the weather man, who benignly promises warmer weather for to-day and a gradual resumption of spring's interrupted swing.

The snow storm of yesterday, following a period of high winds and low temperature—54 degrees being the highest mark for the previous twelve hours and 27 degrees the lowest—too millions of early changers by surprise and stampeded the timid back to woolens.

Though an April snow storm is unusual, it is not an epoch-making event by any means. On April 11, 1918, snow fell, and nearly three inches of snow lay on the ground for one whole day. On April 9, 1917, there was a total of 6.5 inches of snow, accompanied by a temperature of 25 degrees.

Generally fair weather over the whole region east of the Mississippi and as far south as northern Florida is forecast by the Weather Department beginning this morning.

## \$60,000 Drugs Found On Steerage Smuggler

Sixty thousand dollars' worth of cocaine and heroin were seized yesterday following the arrest of Joseph Leteri, twenty-two years old, as he stepped down the gangplank of the steamship Presidente Wilson.

Customs officials had been waiting for Leteri. He is down on the customs books as a member of one of the most daring international smuggling gangs now operating.

Last week Deputy Police Commissioner Carleton Simon obtained information of his presence on board the Presidente Wilson, due here yesterday from Naples. All plans were at once made for the man's arrest. The Presidente Wilson has been bringing in one drug smuggler a trip on the last four or five trips.

Leteri traveled as a steerage passenger. He was taken to the Charles Street police station for examination and is declared to have given much valuable information concerning the activities of the gang with which he is said to be associated.

The confiscated drugs were found in the man's hand baggage and concealed on his person.

## Girl Hangs Self in Kitchen

When Joseph Zozori, a laborer, returned from work last night he was surprised to find the door to his apartment on the third floor of 442 East Seventy-seventh Street locked.

He went to the apartment next door and after being admitted there he crawled across a transom into the kitchen of his own home. He found his twenty-six-year-old daughter, Anne, hanging to a pipe at the top of the hot water boiler by a cord. An am-

## Jesse Moves to Prevent Hylan Veto of Voting Machine Bill

From a Staff Correspondent  
ALBANY, April 11.—In order to deprive Mayor Hylan of all opportunity to veto legislation which would compel the use of voting machines in New York City, Assemblyman George V. Jesse, of New York to-night withdrew his bill providing for the installation of voting machines in greater New York.

He will substitute instead the Tolson voting machine bill, which already has passed the Senate. The measure will be amended so as to apply to second class cities, thus taking it out of the province of the Mayor to approve or disapprove it.

Churchill Returns From Egypt  
LONDON, April 11.—Jewish Telegraphic Agency.—Winston Churchill, Secretary for the Colonies, returned to London to-day from his visit to Egypt and Palestine.

## Annapolis Class of 1922 Will Be Graduated December Next

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 11.—The Naval Academy class of 1922, the present second class, consisting of 650 members, who would ordinarily be graduated in June, 1922, will, by order of Secretary of the Navy Denby, be graduated and be commissioned in December next, it was announced to-day.

This action was taken in view of the urgent need for additional officers in the navy.

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